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I am writing to voice my displeasure with HB 6656, An act concerning Liability Insurance for Firearm Possessors or Owners. As a citizen of the State of Connecticut I feel that my rights as a responsible gun owner are being infringed upon by means of punitive measures. As a 23 year member of law enforcement, I don't see how this proposed bill does anything to improve the safety of our citizenry. It simply adds a greater financial burden to those who obey the law. The legislature seems to be proving the adage that you can only discipline good people.

Would this bill supersede Connecticut General Statute's 53a-19, The use of physical force in defense of person and 53a-20, the Use of physical force in defense of premises? Or are these rights going to be taking away? It is unclear in the wording of the bill. Also, it is unclear if, as a police officer I would be required to possess this insurance or does it now become an issue for the Town or State who issued the firearm?

These seem to be poorly thought out, "knee jerk" reactions to a horrific event. If you truly wish to make any substantive improvement in public safety, you should enact legislation that PROHIBITS ALL CRIMINAL BEHAVIOR. Enforce both fairly and effectively the laws that are already in place. An examination, even by the lay person of the State of Connecticut Judicial website makes one truly wonder if there is any corrective behavior occurring at all. We continue to strengthen the resolve of those who choose to do society harm by not acting on their behavior. By making those who abide by the law responsible for those who do not, you serve only to weaken our faith in government, honor and integrity.

Respectfully,

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